

# ELLICOTTVILLE

D I S T R I C T • N E W S L E T T E R

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## No Shortage of Holiday Spirit!

### ESC was in full swing during the month of December!

By Breanna Byroads

The Elementary Student Spirit Committee had a busy month! The school sponsored an Ugly Sweater day, where staff and students wore their best ugly Christmas attire. Students also decorated Winter themed placemats that were dispersed to the local nursing homes and the Meals on Wheels organization. And, Mrs. Moore's fifth grade class decorated cookies for the local fire department and police agencies to help spread holiday spirit!



ELLICOTTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# MAMMA MIA!

7pm Thursday March 26  
7pm Friday March 27  
7pm Saturday March 28  
Ellicottville High School Auditorium  
Tickets \$7 at the door

2020  
Directed by  
Patricia Waldron

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
www.mti1980.com

**SAVE THE DATE! March 26, 27 & 28!**

★ The ECS High School musical **Mamma Mia** ★

will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Tickets will be on sale at the door each evening for \$7.

**March 26, 27 & 28! SAVE THE DATE!**

1/2 Day for Grades K-12 March 11, 2020  
Parent-Teacher Conferences

**No School for Students on Friday, March 20th**  
for Superintendent's Day

## TWO-HOUR DELAYS

The District may consider a 2-hour delay, as opposed to closing for the entire day. Two hour delays will be used in order to ensure that the District meets NYS requirements for student attendance. Parents, please make plans in advance so you will be prepared if a delay is used. Please be assured that if the weather is severe enough, the District will not hesitate to close for the entire day as the safety of students and staff is our first priority.



## REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORTATION

Requests for transportation of non-public school children should be submitted to the Ellicottville Central School District Superintendent's Office **prior to April 1, 2020.**

Regulations require that the district transport students to non-public schools when a student resides within 15 miles of the non-public school. The 15 miles is measured from the home of the student to the non-public school.

**Please send requests to:**  
Ellicottville Central School  
ATTN: Mr. Robert Miller,  
Superintendent  
5873 Route 219  
Ellicottville, New York 14731

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# Looking Forward at ECS

**I would like to start out by saying THANK YOU to the community for its support in approving the Capital Improvement Project (CIP). Your commitment to ECS will allow the school to continue to provide a superior educational experience to students in a safe and modern environment!** It is surely going to be an exciting time as we work through the various stages of the CIP. As the school moves forward, we will keep you posted of our progress through the newsletter as well as our website.

The next step of the process is the design stage. Throughout the remainder of the school year and into the summer, meetings will be held at regular intervals with the architects, construction managers, consultants and representatives from the school. These meetings will allow us to focus on the details of each area of the project in order to finalize plans that will be submitted to the New York State Education Department for approval.

On a different note, we are in the process of building the 2020-21 budget. Currently, the process is proving to be a bit more daunting this year. I say this because, while we have received our estimated "State Aid Runs," the look of this report has changed. In the past, there were a number of different categories that districts had learned how to track to determine where we were receiving aid and how it could be used. This year, the Governor, is combining 10 different categories (including foundation aid, previously the largest, most unrestricted category of aid) into one category and calling it all Foundation Aid. While this appears to give us greater latitude in how we may use the funds, my understanding is that it removes predictability for the future, and increases in foundation aid would be subject to new formulas every year. The good news is that Foundation Aid across the state has been increased. The bad news is that building aid across the state is down (building aid is a categorical aid).

At the current time, we at ECS are working hard to determine what all of this means for the District. While we anticipate slight increases in a couple of aid categories, overall, the report has us receiving **less** aid than last year, **and** the tax cap will be 1.81% (which is **down**

from 2%). Given these initial figures and parameters, it will, indeed, be a challenge to create the 2020-21 budget. However, please know that we at ECS are tackling this challenge head on. We are working diligently with our financial advisor, attending webinars provided by the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSOCSS) and the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA), and participating in meetings with NYS Assemblyman Joe Giglio and NYS Senator George Borello to express our concerns and frustrations. It is important to keep in mind the Legislature can make changes with enough votes to change amounts, restore formulas, etc. as it has done in the past. Please be assured that we are committed to staying on top of these changes and how they will impact the 2020-21 budget development. We will strive to keep you informed as we put together a fiscally responsible plan.

Moving to a different topic, you may be hearing about "Ed Law 2d." This is a new law in New York State (NYS) that will require districts to implement policies, plans, forms and contracts with vendors to best ensure that Personal Identifiable Information (PII) of students is not inappropriately accessed by groups outside of the school. Over the next few months you will start hearing more about this. Please know that we are already taking steps to ensure that we not only comply with the requirements of NYS, but that, more importantly, we will work hard to protect the identity of students in today's digital age.

Best Regards,

Robert R. Miller  
Superintendent of Schools





## County Government Program

### Six ECS Students Complete Internship

Congratulations to the 2019 ECS County Government Senior Interns on the completion of the semester long program. These interns attended weekly sessions at the County Building in Little Valley and interacted with a wide variety of officials from Cattaraugus County throughout the semester. Great job, Seniors!

*Pictured from Left: Allison Calarco, Jack Snyder, Brooke Eddy, John Butler (Instructor), Abaigeal Donoghue, Niklas Logel (Missing: Evelyn Nuzzo)*

## Honor Roll: 1st Quarter

### Congratulations to the following students:

Congratulations to the following students for being on the High Honor Roll & Honor Roll the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. Their names were left off of the original list published in the December 2019/January 2020 Newsletter.

## AWESOME JOB!

### High Honor Roll:

Grade 12: Abaigeal Donoghue

### Honor Roll:

Grade 12: Logan Fuller

Grade 11: Justin Imhoff

Grade 10: Shawn Clancy



## 7th Grade Leadership Workshop

*By Mr. Erich Ploetz, MS/HS Principal*

Thank you to (from left) to Louise Scott, Kathryn Bless, Sophia Sundeen, and Mikey Kerns for participating in the 7th Grade Leadership Workshop at the Allegany Challenger Center on January 9, 2020. Our students worked with Mr. Ed Gerety (pictured), a nationally recognized motivational speaker, and spent the day “dreaming big” and recognizing the positive forces in their lives. These four ECS students have designs to go into the following fields after high school: medicine, engineering, theater/drama, and law. Can you guess which direction each student is headed?



## THANK YOU FROM PROJECT CHRISTMAS

The Project Christmas committee would like to thank the Ellicottville Central School community for their continued and generous support of Project Christmas. This past December, the program was able to provide food and presents for 38 families as well as “Thinking of You” items for 50 senior citizens. Best wishes to all, for a very healthy and happy 2020!



# FEBRUARY

# 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	Ski Club 6	7	8 Winter Weekend Dance 8:00 pm–11:00 pm
9	10	6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) 11	6:00 pm PTO Talent Show 12	Ski Club 13	14	15
16	President's Day - School Closed 17	February Break - No School for Students 18	February Break - No School for Students 19	February Break - No School for Students 20	February Break - No School for Students 21	22
23	24	6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) 25	26	Ski Club 27	28	29

# MARCH

# 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	Ski Club 5	All-County #1 (EC, JH Band, Sh Chorus) @ Franklinville HS 6	All-County #1 (EC, JH Band, Sh Chorus) @ Franklinville HS 7
8	9	3:00 pm Spring Sports Pictures 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Budget Worksession 10	1/2 Day of School for Students-Noon Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:30 pm MS/HS Music Concert Grades 6-12 11	Ski Club 12	5:30 pm PTO Dime Carnival 13	14
15	16	6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) Budget Worksession 17	18	Ski Club 19	Superintendent's Day: No School for Students All-County #2 (EC, JH Band, Sh Chorus) @ Franklinville HS 20	All-County #2 (EC, JH Band, Sh Chorus) @ Franklinville HS 21
22	23	6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) 24	NYS 3-8 ELA Assessment 25	NYS 3-8 ELA Assessment 7:00 pm High School Musical 26	7:00 pm High School Musical 27	7:00 pm High School Musical 28
29	30	31				

# Elementary Perfect Attendance

**First Quarter: September 2019–November 2019\***

## **KINDERGARTEN**

### **Miss Olson's Class**

Emborsky, Lauren  
Widger, Jack

### **Mr. Wilson's Class**

Benjamin, Erica  
LaCroix, Quinnley  
Mix, Anderson  
Myers, Matthew  
Rocco, Nicholas

### **Mrs. Woodarek's Class**

Allard, Kallen  
Bishop, Caden  
Elom, Vincent  
Swan, Riley

## **1ST GRADE**

### **Mrs. Bower's Class**

Benjamin, Rose  
Kerns, Jack  
Klein, Joanna  
Sargente, Vincent  
Van Buren, Braylon  
Winship, Amelia

### **Mrs. Keller's Class**

Erlandson, Carly  
Miller, Shiloh  
Potter, Carter  
Rust, Theron

## **2ND GRADE**

### **Ms. Auge's Class**

Andrews, Allyana  
LaCroix, Mason  
Mix Jr., Andrew  
Pearl, Jack  
Schultz, Aiden  
Siperek, Teagan

### **Mrs. Farnum's Class**

Brennan, Myla  
Cornelius, Harrison  
Green, Thomas  
Moore, Axel  
Myers, Caelan  
Norton, Charlie  
Pawlowski, Reagan

### **Mrs. Peter's Class**

Burlingame, Alyvia  
Faulkner, Maggie  
Mack, Dominic  
Scott, Audri  
Wyatt, Jayda

## **3RD GRADE**

### **Mrs. Donoghue's Class**

Erlandson, Brody  
Krause, Audrey  
Watson, Lindsay

### **Mrs. Norton's Class**

Foster, Tareyn  
Myers, Andrew  
Riley, Camerie  
Vassar, Harlan  
Weber, Ella

### **Mr. Przybyla's Class**

Halpainy, Kallen  
Kruszynski, Cayda  
Maynard, Marlee  
Oakes, Rylynn  
Tarr, Briyona  
Wedvik, Nicholas

## **4TH GRADE**

### **Mrs. Callaghan's Class**

Brennan, Zachary  
Kruszynski, Daniel

### **Mrs. Gesing's Class**

Lafferty, Katie  
Mendell, Carson  
Miller, Sawyer Timothy  
Neal, Grayson  
Rust, Abigail  
Rzucek, Matthew  
Sliviak, Jennifer

## **5TH GRADE**

### **Mrs. Fitzpatrick's Class**

Atwater, Eli  
Blalock, Ryha  
Fuller, Ava  
Gebauer, Parker  
Hayes, Braiden  
Pasinski, Ava  
Quinn, Ellen

### **Mrs. Moore's Class**

Andrews, Adalynn  
DeChane III, Timothy  
Edwards, Christopher  
Nazareth, Reed  
Newark, McKenzie  
Pearl, Justin  
Peters, Jaiden  
Smith, Blake

### **Mr. Smith's Class**

Curtis, Malie  
Dunkleman, Danielle  
Green, McKenzie  
Klein, Tosh  
LaCroix, Jaxson  
Murray, Eliza  
Santiago, Nora  
Weber, Ava  
Wedvik, Benjamin  
Wilson, Raiddan  
Wyatt, Colton



# Pre-K and Kindergarten

## **PRE-KINDERGARTEN:**

If your son or daughter will be turning **4 years old by Dec. 1, 2020**, please call the Elementary Office. We will then mail you a planning paperwork packet that will need to be completed and returned to the Elementary Office. Each year New York State reviews the funding structure for the grant supported Pre-K programs. Our Pre-K program is a half day program. If our Pre-K program is again funded, acceptance letters for the program will be mailed this June. The state considers a child Pre-school age if their birth date is between December 1, 2015 and November 30, 2016. **Please contact the Elementary Office at 699-2318 (ext. 1600)** as we will be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time.

## **KINDERGARTEN:**

Do you have a child that will be Kindergarten age this fall, but is not currently enrolled in our Pre-K program? **Please notify the Elementary Office at 699-2318 (ext. 1600)** so we may include your family in some upcoming activities this spring such as Kindergarten Screening and the annual Pre-K picnic. Our Kindergarten program is a full school day. The state considers a child Kindergarten age if they turn 5 years old before December 1, 2020.

*\*Please note some names were omitted in the December issue.*

# Excellent WORK!

## School Will Be Closed for Spring Break from April 10th through April 19th, 2020

**Be Sure to Visit Our Website: <http://www.ellicottvillecentral.com>**



**Ellicottville Central Schools**

*Embracing Change, Celebrating Success, Surpassing Expectations*



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# PTO Update and Upcoming Events



## Please Collect Your Box Tops!

Please continue to send in Box Tops with your child. We are keeping a running tally through May, the grade who brings the most wins a treat. You also can always send your Box Tops in to the elementary office or drop them off at our two local drop-off locations; the Great Valley Post Office or the TOPS in Ellicottville.



## PTO Dime Carnival!

This year's Dime Carnival will be held on **Friday, March 13th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. The event will be in the High School Cafeteria and Gymnasium. We will be using tickets for the games again this year and they will be sold 10 tickets for \$1. We will also have tickets for our basket raffle for sale at \$1 each or 12 for \$10. Food and drinks will be available to purchase during the event.

If you would like to donate a gift certificate or a basket to the basket raffle, help the PTO out by volunteering your time or donating desserts for the cake walk please contact **Diana Olson at 378-6698** or [ecspto@eville.wnyric.org](mailto:ecspto@eville.wnyric.org). We look forward to seeing you at the Dime Carnival!

## GET INVOLVED!

Come find out what the PTO is doing and get involved. PTO continues to help Pre K-12 students and the surrounding community. These activities can't be done without all of the volunteers! If you would like more information on how to get involved, please feel free to attend any of our meetings or email Diana Olson at [ecspto@eville.wnyric.org](mailto:ecspto@eville.wnyric.org).

**Talent Show Feb. 12th at 6pm in the HS Gym!**  
Come see our ECS 4th-8th graders show off their talents!

## Tab's For A Greater Cause...

Every spring ECS collects tabs, the PTO holds a contest to see which class can bring in the most. Last year together as a school we collected 19 paper boxes full of tabs. **This year we would like to kick it up a notch. Our beloved elementary secretary, Mrs. Adams, played a huge part in the tabs collection and organization. In her memory we would like to set a goal for the entire elementary to collect at least 25 paper boxes full this spring.** We will send notes home later in the spring once we know the dates for the contest. But, in the meantime, start saving those tabs at home!

Some fun facts about tabs that we learned from the radio station WPIG/95.7:

- 1,796 tabs = 1 pound
- The recycling station weighs the tabs and pays per pound.
- WPIG/95.7 usually collects between \$3,000-\$4,500 per year just in tabs!

So, please continue to save your tabs from cans and be on the look out for more information. Tabs can come from any aluminum cans such as pop, water, juice, pet food, soup cans, etc. The money collected from this contest is donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



## SPRING BOOK FAIR:

Our "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" Spring Book Fair will be held on Thursday, **April 23rd** & Friday, **April 24th** 8:00am-3:30pm and 5:30-7:30 during Daddy Daughter Dance.

## PTO Purchases Books and Eagles Backdrop

The PTO recently purchased over \$550 worth of books for the Elementary and High School Libraries, Book BINGO, and Reading Celebration. We were able to do this due to the continued support of our Book Fairs and people donating their rounded up change from purchases.

The PTO also purchased and donated a 7-foot Ellicottville Eagles Backdrop to the school. This backdrop will serve many purposes throughout the school community. We hope that it can serve both for academics and athletics. It is currently placed outside the high school office, but we plan to use it in various strategic places so that it is seen and used. Please take photos and post them, if you have Facebook, tag them using **ECS PTO**.

Thank you for all of your support, we couldn't do it without you!



# Book vs. Movie Winners

On December 10th, the winners of the HS Library "Book vs. Movie" contest were announced. Due to the number of applicants the library staff awarded prizes according to grade level.



**6th Grade:** Kaydance Hayes and Emily Ginnitti. **8th Grade:** Ben Hogenmiller, Aaron LoGiudice and Cameron Kaleta. **9th Grade:** Katie Krotz. **10th Grade:** Caleb Ploetz, Erica Wilber. **11th Grade:** Lindsay Swalcy. **12th Grade:** Sammi Van Wicklin. **Teachers:** Chris Edwards and Dave McCann.

Congratulations to all! Thanks for playing along with us. Look for more fun activities to come throughout the rest of the school year!



## Blue Ribbon Contest Winners

### Students Rewarded for Returning Books On Time

In Library class, we teach responsibility and the importance of being a good library citizen by returning books on time. In an effort to reinforce this, students in kindergarten through second grade compete in the library's Blue Ribbon Contest. If every student in the class returns their library book on-time, the class wins a blue ribbon that hangs in the hallway outside their classroom door. After so many weeks, we determine which class has won the blue ribbon the most. That class (or classes if there is a tie) is treated to an ice cream party in the library! So far, we have had two winners, Ms. Auge's Second Grade Class (*pictured above*) and Mrs. Bower's First Grade Class (*pictured below*). As an added bonus, we sometimes have a special guest read to the kids while they enjoy their ice cream! Mrs. Dickinson came and read a book to Mrs. Bower's class. Congratulations to our winners and thank you for being good library citizens! Bring those books back on-time!





# Are my kids getting enough physical activity?

You know kids need physical activity to grow up strong and healthy.

But did you know it can help them feel better right away?



Better sleep



Better mood



Better grades

And when your kids are feeling good, your life is easier, too. So find ways to help your kids fit more activity into their day.

## How much do they need?

Kids and teens ages 6 to 17 need at least **60 minutes** every day.

Most of it can be **moderate-intensity aerobic activity**. Anything that gets their heart beating faster counts.



At least 3 days a week, encourage your kids to step it up to **vigorous-intensity aerobic activity**.



**Is it moderate or vigorous?**  
Use the “talk test” to find out.

When you’re being active, try talking:

- ✓ If you’re breathing hard but can still have a conversation easily, it’s **moderate-intensity activity**
- ✓ If you can only say a few words before you have to take a breath, it’s **vigorous-intensity activity**

As part of their daily 60 minutes, kids and teens also need:

**Muscle-strengthening activity**  
At least 3 days a week



Anything that makes their muscles work harder counts — like climbing or swinging on the monkey bars.

**Bone-strengthening activity**  
At least 3 days a week



Bones need pressure to get stronger. Running, jumping, and other weight-bearing activities all count.

## My kids are younger than 6. What about them?

Younger kids love to be active naturally!

- Aim to keep them moving 3 hours a day — and more is better
- Limit time when they're just sitting around (like screen time)

## What counts?

Whatever gets them moving!



Encourage active play with friends



Give them rewards for active chores



Sign them up for free or low-cost sports or classes

## Or get active together!



Make your morning walks a race



Dance while dinner's in the oven



Show them your favorite ways to move

Most of all, help them find activities they really like to do!

## It all adds up. And so do the benefits.

Help them get active now, and they'll build healthy habits for life. So take the first step. Get your kids moving. And when you can, move with them!

Find out how your kids can get 60 minutes of activity every day.  
[health.gov/MoveYourWay/Get-Kids-Active](https://health.gov/MoveYourWay/Get-Kids-Active)



# 'Moving and Grooving'

## First Graders Take a Trip to Kleinhan's Music Hall

By Mrs. Keller

Using money from the Tony Casetta Fund, the First Grade classes were able to take a trip to see the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra play at Kleinhan's Music Hall. They enjoyed an interactive school day performance titled 'Moving and Grooving' during which the orchestra performed excerpts from a variety of classical and modern pieces.



## NTHS Induction Ceremony

### ECS Congratulates Three CTE Students in December

The Ellicottville Career and Technical Center BOCES inducted seniors Megan Stuve, Audra Perkins and Cyrene Moore into the National Technical Honor Society. The National Technical Honor Society currently serves approximately 100,000 active members. It honors the achievements of top Career and Technical Education students and cultivates excellence in tomorrow's workforce. Membership is based on academic and technical grades, attendance, leadership and character.

*Pictured above (L to R):* Noel Sheehy (CTE Principal), Megan Stuve, Bob Miller (ECS Superintendent), Audra Perkins and Cyrene Moore.

## Remembering Our Dear Friend



*The Ellicottville Central School family is mourning the passing of our beloved Cathy Adams.*

*After a courageous battle, she passed away on December 19th.*

*Mrs. Adams worked at ECS as the elementary secretary for over 20 years. Her sense of humor and kind ways will be greatly missed by her co-workers, students and the entire community.*

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# Getting a Closer Look With New Microscopes

Thanks to a generous gift from the Ellicottville Rotary Club, the Science Department has received 20 new microscopes. The new stereoscopic microscopes can magnify up to 1000 times and will replace older technology which can be recycled for use in the elementary school. Pictured are the eighth graders in Ms. Brierton's Physical Science class using the microscopes for the first time. Special thanks to the members of our community and Mr. Miller for making this happen.

